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Dear Sirs; I drive a truck for a living, to have the ability to find traffic and weather info before I am in radio range of my city of destination is a huge advantage. This may not be as important in the east, but out here in the west where a decision to re-route may have to be made two hundred or more miles away, XM has been a great help. Over the years I have had to sit on southbound I17 just north of Phoenix AZ for between one and four hours MANY times waiting for wrecks to be cleaned up. Now I can plan an alternate route as far out as Winlow AZ or as close to PHX as Camp Verde AZ, (Camp Verde is still about a hundred miles from PHX and right at the edge of PHX radio range). This saves time, fuel, wear and tear on my truck and all of the air pollution that goes with idling a truck for hours. The last I heard you guys were supposed to be concerned with reducing pollution and saving energy, maybe campaign contributions are more important. They usually are to you needle!

Now a word about competition, (why do I need to explain this to Republicans, you should know better) the reason I went to XM radio is not because I'm in love with the idea of sattelite radio. The reason I went to XM is because local radio programming is so bad. Instead of trouble to FORCE people to listen to them whether we like it or

not maybe they should offer better programming and be competitive.